

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action of January 25, 2006, claims 1, 14 and 18-21 have been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the objections and rejection to the claims. Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled.

More particularly, at paragraph 3 of the Official Action, claims 18, 20 and 21 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form. These claims have been amended so as to no longer be dependent from claim 14.

Referring to paragraph 4 of the Official Action, the formalities noted with regard to claims 2, 6 and 14 have been attended to.

With regard to paragraph 6 of the Official action, claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 11-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of admitted prior art ("Admission"), in view of US patent 5,657,288, Dent, further in view of US patent 5,517,459, Ooishi.

Independent claims 1, 14, 18 and 19 have been amended to incorporate the limitation of claims 5 and 6 and therefore, in view of paragraph 7 of the Official Action, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 14 and 19 are allowable. In addition, an "address processor" is now recited instead of "address processing means." Support for this amendment is found in Figure 4 and in the specification at page 13, line 4 through page 14, line 4.

Since claims 1, 14 and 19 are believed to be allowable, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5, 8, 9 and 11-13 which ultimately depend from claim 1, claims 15-17 which ultimately depend from claim 14, and claims 20 and 21 which ultimately depend from claim 19 are also further distinguished over the art and therefore allowable.

Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled due to their incorporation into claim 1.

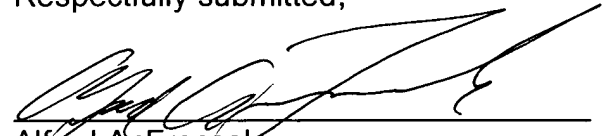
Furthermore, with respect to paragraph 7 of the Official Action, claims 7 and 10 are allowable in view of the amendment of claim 1 incorporating the limitations of claims 5 and 6.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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